

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Ngo for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview dated July 10, 2008, during which interview Examiner Ngo confirmed that claims 4, 11, 17, 20, and 24 would be allowable over the prior art of record but that the latest 101 panel review maintained the 101 rejection. The Examiner indicated that he would have the panel review again the claims if these claims were rewritten into the independent claims and the results described in all of the independent claims. Applicants submitted a set of draft claims to the Examiner.

On July 14, Examiner Ngo called Applicants' representative to report that the second review indicated the claims would be acceptable for 101 if all independent claims were to incorporate the results, and Applicants submitted a second set of draft claims.

On July 23, the Examiner called to confirm that the second set of claims would be acceptable if Applicants submitted a formal amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants herein submit a response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2008, wherein the second set of draft claims are submitted as a formal amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 25-27 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 3, 11, 17, 20, 23, and 24 are canceled.

It is noted that Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing the written description requirement. Claims 1, 2, and 4-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-16, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over US Patent Publication 2003/0088600 to Lao et al.

Applicants understand that these rejections are moot in view of the above claim amendments.

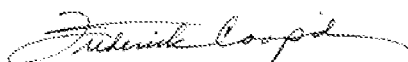
FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 25-27, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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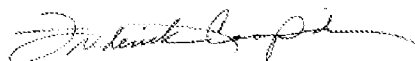
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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted electronically, via EFS, this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111 to Examiner C. Ngo on July 23, 2008.



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